

CALFED Watershed Management Program Goals and Objectives (revised draft)

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Goal:

To coordinate and integrate with existing and future watershed programs and to provide technical assistance and funding for watershed activities relevant to achieving the goals and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Objectives:

I. Provide a Framework to define the Relationship between Watershed Processes and the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Goals and Objectives (Russ Henly provided the editing)

- Describe the basic biological functions and process of a watershed, including the linkages from upper watersheds to lower watershed to the Bay-Delta.
 - A) Identify the watershed functions and processes that are relevant to the CALFED goals and objectives.
 - B) Describe how human interventions affect watershed functions and processes in ways that are favorable for or adverse to the CALFED goals and objectives.
 - C) Develop a model or models (e.g. benefit/cost models, tradeoff models) to quantify the commodity and non-commodity benefits that accrue from watershed plans and projects designed to favorably affect the CALFED goals and objectives.
 - D) Based on the above four items, determine priorities for funding watershed planning and projects.

(Russ further notes that the development of some conceptual diagrams will be helpful to illustrate the above relationships)

- Refine the draft CALFED Watershed Principles. The intent of these principles is to address the projects or activities that could be supported by the Watershed Management Program ("the strings attached to funding"). Copy attached. (Please note that these Principles were developed in part by Sam Ziegler for the Watershed Stewardship Solicitation package).
- Identify the watershed group's needs of the CALFED Watershed Management Program.

II. Identify Linkages with the other CALFED Common Programs

- Identify the relationship of the Watershed Management Program with the other CALFED Common Programs (Levee Stability, Water Quality, Ecosystem Restoration, Water Use Efficiency, Water Transfers).
- Identify what activities and geographic regions are included in the Watershed Management Program compared to the other CALFED Common Programs. For example, the Watershed Management Program is the only Program which encompasses the upper watersheds above the dams.

III. Facilitate and Improve Coordination among Government Agencies and Local Watershed Groups

- Develop a Coordination Framework whereby mechanisms to integrate watershed efforts among agencies, organizations and local watershed programs are identified. The Framework should:
 - A) Identify agencies and watershed groups that participate in watershed activities consistent with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program goals and objectives.
 - B) Define types of partnerships which can be formed with the agencies and groups identified above.
 - C) Describe a mechanism to coordinate funding among government agencies.
 - D) Describe a mechanism to coordinate technical assistance by government agencies.
 - E) Identify areas of congruence and/or conflicts, and areas where programs can be blended to achieve mutual objectives.

IV. Develop Watershed Monitoring and Assessment Protocols to be Integrated into CMARP

- Facilitate monitoring efforts that are consistent with CMARP's protocols.
- Define performance measures so that adaptive management process can occur.
- Through stakeholder and IIWAT input, help CMARP develop watershed management monitoring protocols which are not already developed for the other CALFED Common Programs. (For example, see attached memo to Rick Woodard from Judy Heath, dated April 7, 1998)

V. Support Education and Outreach

- Provide baseline support to organize watershed programs (e.g. coordinators, equipment, per diem to attend CALFED meetings, etc.)

- Support resource conservation education.
- Provide training on monitoring, grant writing, and assessment
- Sponsor general stakeholder workshops, BDAC Work Group Meetings
- Support clearinghouse functions to assist watershed groups conducting watershed activities. The clearinghouse will include information about funding opportunities and relevant information on new watershed activities funded by CALFED.

VI. Develop an Implementation Strategy which will Address Assurances for Support and Long-Term Sustainability of Watershed Activities

- Building on existing programs, develop a long-term plan that identifies the types of assistance that may be needed, the array of agencies best suited to deliver this assistance, and the funding levels necessary to carry out these long-term assistance programs.
- Stakeholders want assurances that funding for assistance programs will continue throughout the CALFED Program implementation period (20-30 yrs). Stakeholder input will be obtained at BDAC Watershed Work Groups and general stakeholder workshops.